

TALES OF *HORROR* AND SUSPENSE!

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MYSTERY

MISTER MYSTERY AGAIN...
ADVISING YOU NOT TO *LOSE*
YOUR HEAD OVER THIS
TALE... BUT WATCH THOSE
CLOSE SHAVES NEXT TIME!
HEH... HEH... HEH!



The image is a dense collage of vintage comic book covers, primarily from the mid-20th century. The covers are arranged in a grid-like fashion, overlapping slightly. Titles visible include "Supermouse", "JETTA", "MYSTERY COMICS", "FANTASTIC TALES", "COSMO CAT", "STARTLING COMICS", "STRANGE MYSTERIES", "DARING ADVENTURES", "FAMOUS FUNNIES", "HILARIOUS RAUCOUS", "TEEN-AGE SWEETHEART OF THE 21st CENTURY", "DUCK", "EERIE", "EXCITING COMICS", "CASPER CAT", "BARNYARD COMICS", and "STRANGE WORLDS". The art style is characteristic of mid-century pulp magazines, with bold colors and dynamic illustrations. Overlaid on top of this collage is a large, dark purple speech bubble with a thick black outline. Inside the bubble, the text "WEB COMIC UNIVERSE.COM" is written in a large, white, stylized font with a slight drop shadow effect. The overall composition suggests a digital archive or a website dedicated to classic comic books.

MEDICAL TABLET DISCOVERY!

SAFE, NEW,
EASY WAY!



STOPS "BED WETTING"

Without Electrical Devices...
Rubber Sheets... Alarms...

Ends Shame, Discomfort, Inconvenience
Almost Miraculously!

SIMPLE SAFE TABLET DOES IT

DRY-TABS is the same safe medical discovery that is prescribed by many doctors. Since it is available for the first time without prescription to all the victims of BED-WETTING who long to rid themselves of this distressing habit once and for all, DRY-TABS is safe, not habit forming, contains no harmful drugs—Follow simple directions.

"DRY-TAB THERAPY" Eventually Allows BED-WETTING Victims to Function Normally Without Further Medication

DRY-TABS, in most cases, does not offer merely temporary stopping of BED-WETTING. In case after case, revealed in clinical tests conducted in hospitals by medical scientists, the DRY-TABS formula proved itself to be a tablet that gives direct support to the patient in controlling his BED-WETTING. The benefits of the DRY-TABS formula may be expected to be effective beyond the period when it is taken regularly. It helps the BED-WETTING victim to restrain, tends to increase strength of sphincter and detrusor muscles controlling urination. Many cases have discontinued the use of DRY-TABS after a short time and found they were functioning normally. So BED-WETTING victims do not have to be slaves to any kind of medication if their case is of the type that responds to the restraining power of DRY-TABS. This is probably one of the greatest advancements ever made in BED-WETTING therapy. Yes, once DRY-TABS stops BED-WETTING, its use may no longer be required, normal functioning and control may be developed almost miraculously. So don't hesitate a minute longer. Order DRY-TABS Today!

DRY-TABS Amazing Formula Effective in 75% of Cases



CASE NO. 1. Healthy, intelligent boy, 8 years old. BED-WETTING since infancy. Child could not break habit. All other medication failed. DRY-TABS formula takes for two three-week periods. Child has remained well for the past three years.



CASE NO. 2. Normal boy, history of BED-WETTING since infancy. Child had no organic defect. Various surgeries failed. Put on DRY-TABS formula regime. After a month, habit suddenly stopped.



CASE NO. 3. Male, aged 28 years. BED-WETTING since birth. Many forms of treatment failed. Unable to accept invitation to sleep out over-night. Recently married, and embarrassed by habit. After formula taken, wet bed the first two nights but never since that time.



CASE NO. 4. Girl, aged 6 years. Wet bed since infancy. Nervous, irritable. DRY-TABS formula administered for regular period. BED-WETTING stopped almost immediately. Slight relapse. Formula administered again. Child responded immediately, once more, and history reveals no further relapses.



CASE NO. 5. Man, 42 years old, wet "heavily." Medication started. Wet during second week and continued to wet when medication was withdrawn following week. Restarted after rest period, and after five-day treatment seemed to retain control of bladder function.



CASE NO. 6. Woman, 78 years old. DRY-TABS formula administered for 6 days. Improvement, upon withdrawal of medication, improvement remained. Continued gradual return of control. One year without formula and control is adequate.

Why endure the needless shame, embarrassment, humiliations... the discomfort and distress of this unfortunate habit? Why put up with the daily nuisance of changing and washing bed linen and clothes? Why suffer the mortification of foul smelling bedrooms... the expense of ruined furniture... the danger of catching cold and infectious rashes?

Doctors agree that BED-WETTING can cause nervousness, stammering and emotional disturbances in children, very often seriously affecting their future and character, making them "psychological cripples."

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ADULTS: START LIVING A NORMAL LIFE TONIGHT!

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IN THE UNDERWORLD THERE IS ONE THAT EVERY GANGSTER, HOOD, RACKETEER FEARS! FOR THIS IS THE ONE THAT KEEPS THEM ALL IN LINE... THE ONE THAT TAKES CARE OF THE DOUBLE CROSSERS AND THE WELCHERS... TAKES CARE OF THEM WITH A MURDEROUS AXE... FOR THIS IS THE WAY OF...

THE

EXECUTIONER!

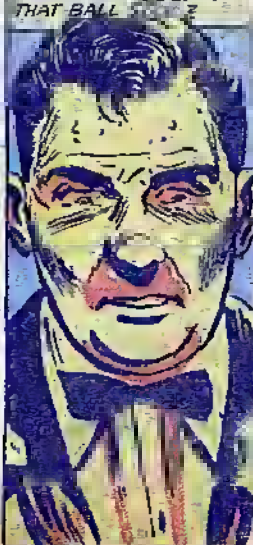


CHARLTON GROSS WAS NOT OF THE UNDERWORLD, BUT HE WAS THE TYPE THEY FEASTED ON... FOR CHARLTON HAD ONE MANIA... GAMBLING! RIGHT NOW HE IS IN THE HOLE FOR A SMALL FORTUNE AND IS TRYING TO RECOUP! GO AHEAD CHARLTON... SHOOT THE WORKS!

WHAT'S THE MATTER, CHARLTON... GETTING NERVOUS? WATCH THE LITTLE WHITE BALL, CHARLTON. YOUR LIFE DEPENDS ON IT!

IT'S SLOWING DOWN, CHARLTON... JUST A LITTLE MORE... A LITTLE MORE... WHY DOESN'T THAT BALL

AWWW, TOO BAD CHARLTON, YOU LOSE AGAIN! WHAT? YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY TO PAY... OH, TONY ISN'T GOING TO LIKE THAT... NOT ONE BIT!



GO AHEAD, CHARLTON, TELL HIM THE STORY... HE'LL UNDERSTAND! TONY ROCCO IS THE UNDERSTANDING TYPE! TELL HIM HOW YOU LOST \$200,000... AND HOW YOU CAN'T PAY HIM! MAYBE HE'LL TAKE YOUR IOU... BUT MAYBE HE WON'T!

I... I CAN'T PAY YOU RIGHT NOW... BUT I'LL MAKE IT GOOD! HERE, TAKE MY IOU!

LOOK TONY, YOU DID A BAD THING, MR. GROSS... AND YOU DON'T LEAVE ME MUCH CHOICE!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN THAT I LEAVE YOU NO CHOICE! I'LL GET THE MONEY FOR YOU... JUST GIVE ME TIME!

I GOTTA MAKE A LESSON OUT OF YOU, MR. GROSS! OTHERWISE PEOPLE WILL GET THE IDEA THAT THEY CAN GET AWAY WITH MURDER FROM TONY ROCCO! THAT'S WHY I'LL GIVE YOU TWO DAYS TO RAISE THE DOUGH... ELSE I CALL IN... THE EXECUTIONER!



NO! NOT THE EXECUTIONER... ANYTHING BUT THAT! I'LL PAY, TONY... I SWEAR IT!



THAT'S THE WAY IT HAS TO BE, MR. GROSS... NOTHING PERSONAL ABOUT IT, BUT EITHER YOU GET THE DOUGH UP IN FORTY EIGHT HOURS OR ELSE I CALL IN THE EXECUTIONER!



NO WONDER YOU SHUDDERED AT THE SOUND OF THE NAME... FOR THE EXECUTIONER IS THE GUARDIAN OF THE UNDERWORLD... THE PERSON WHO KEEPS THEM ALL IN LINE! REMEMBER JOEY WALSH? TRIED TO TAKE OVER THE EAST SIDE... AND TOMMY RENALDS... WAS GOING TO TALK TO THE COPS... AND PRETTY LYNN DOERR... SHE WAS TOUGH FREDDY PARIS' GIRL UNTIL SHE WANTED OUT... WELL, THE EXECUTIONER TOOK CARE OF THEM... JUST AS YOU'LL BE TAKEN CARE OF... WITH THAT AXE!



THERE'S ALWAYS ONE PERSON WHO YOU CAN TURN TO... YOUR WIFE, HELEN... SHE'S THE UNDERSTANDING TYPE... STICKING WITH YOU THROUGH ALL THESE YEARS OF GAMBLING 'DEBTS... SHE'LL UNDERSTAND!



WHAT IS IT, HONEY?
WHAT'S WRONG?

IT'S THE SAME... NO, NOTHING REALLY
WRONG... IT'LL STRAIGHTEN ITSELF
OUT!

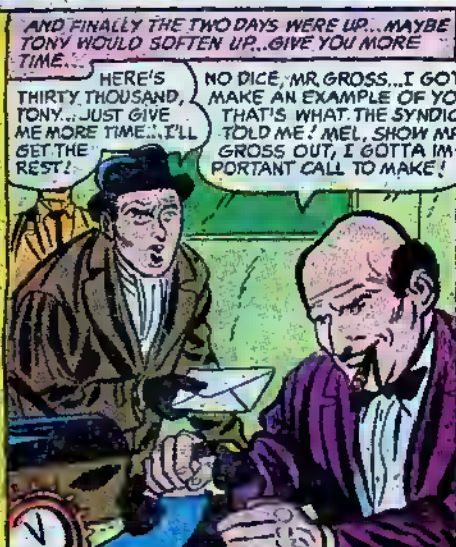
NO, DON'T TELL HER... IT'S BETTER IF SHE DIDN'T
KNOW... HOW CAN YOU KEEP ON HURTING A GIRL
WHO'S ALWAYS LOVED YOU SO VERY MUCH!



ARE YOU SURE, DARLING?
YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T
KEEP ANYTHING FROM
ME... I KNOW YOU
TOO WELL!

IT'S REALLY NOTHING,
HELEN... JUST BUSI-
NESS! BUT I'LL WORK
IT OUT!

THERE WAS
ONLY ONE WAY OF
CHARLTON
WORKING IT
OUT... THAT
WAS TO RAISE
THE MONEY!
BUT \$200,000
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IT IS...



AND FINALLY THE TWO DAYS WERE UP... MAYBE
TONY WOULD SOFTEN UP... GIVE YOU MORE
TIME...

HERE'S
THIRTY THOUSAND,
TONY... JUST GIVE
ME MORE TIME... I'LL
GET THE REST!

NO DICE, MR. GROSS... I GOTTA
MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF YOU...
THAT'S WHAT THE SYNDICATE
TOLD ME! MEL, SHOW MR.
GROSS OUT, I GOTTA IM-
PORTANT CALL TO MAKE!



THAT'S AN UNLISTED NUMBER HE'S DIALING,
CHARLTON... A NUMBER WHICH TAKES ME 30 SECS
FOR ONLY ONE PERSON... THE EXECUTIONER!

NO! DON'T DO IT,
TONY... GIVE ME A
BREAK!

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT,
MR. GROSS... YOU'LL
NEVER KNOW WHAT HIT
YOU! ONE SWING AND IT'S
ALL OVER!



IT BUZZED FOR A MOMENT AND THEN...

GOT A CONTRACT FOR
THE EXECUTIONER, FELLA
BY THE NAME OF...

... PLEASE;
NO NAMES!



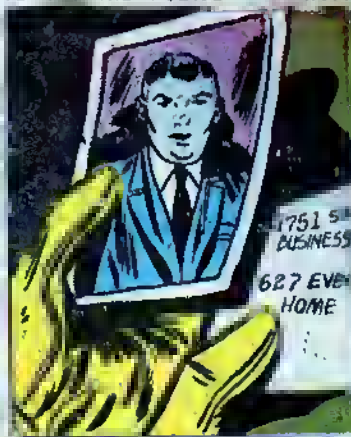
JUST MAIL THE DETAILS
TO THE USUAL PLACE AND
I'LL ATTEND TO THE
MATTER! YOU'LL BE
HEARING FROM ME
IN A FEW DAYS!

GOTCHA! I'LL GET THAT
STUFF OUT RIGHT AWAY.

TONY MAILED THE DETAILS TO THE USUAL PLACE... A POST OFFICE DEPOSIT BOX, AND THE NEXT DAY...

NO NAMES... JUST IDENTIFY THE FACE AND IMPRINT IT ON YOUR MEMORY, THAT WAY THERE CAN'T BE ANY SLIP-UPS! WOULDN'T WANT TO MAKE THE **WRONG CONTRACT!**

NOW GET RID OF THE EVIDENCE... YOU WON'T FORGET THAT FACE... YOU NEVER HAVE SLEPPED UP WHY SHOULD YOU START NOW?



BUT CHARLTON GROSS WASN'T GOING TO GIVE UP WITH-
OUT A STRUGGLE... LIFE WAS TOO PRECIOUS TO LOSE
NOT TO FIGHT FOR...

CHARLTON HAD PLANNED WELL, HADN'T HE? SURELY, THE
EXECUTIONER'S AXE DIDN'T EXTEND ALL THE WAY TO
SOUTH AMERICA!

CHARLTON! WHERE
ARE YOU GOING?
WHAT'S UP?
DARLING! IT'S THE ONLY WAY I CAN
STAY ALIVE! WE'LL START A NEW
LIFE TOGETHER IN SOUTH AMERICA
...WHERE NOBODY WILL KNOW US!

BUT I DON'T
UNDERSTAND...
WHAT ARE YOU
RUNNING AWAY
FROM?

NEVER MIND THAT! I BOUGHT THIS
PLANE TO TAKE US ALL THE WAY... THAT
WAY WE CAN BE ALONE! SINCE WE BOTH
KNOW HOW TO FLY, WE CAN SPELL EACH
OTHER! SHOULDN'T BE TOO DIFFICULT!



HELEN DIDN'T ARGUE AND SOON THEY WERE AIR-
BORNE! THE HOURS PASSED AND FINALLY CHARLTON
BEGAN TO FEEL THE FATIGUE OF THE STRAIN OF FLY-
ING...

OKAY HELEN, IT'S
ABOUT TIME... NO!
HELEN! NOT YOU!



YES, CHARLTON, IT IS HELEN... THE EXECUTIONER! WHO
WOULD SUSPECT A WOMAN... CERTAINLY NOT YOU! AND
SHE HAS FULFILLED THE CONTRACT JUST AS SHE AL-
WAYS DOES... TOO BAD IT HAD TO BE YOU!

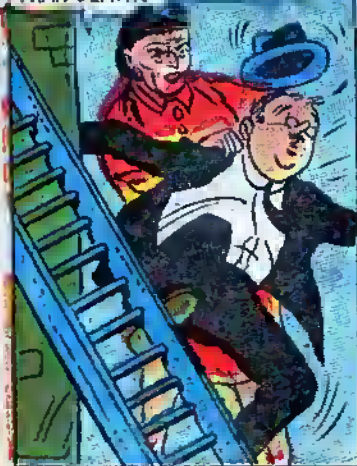


HEN PECKED!



AND IN ADDITION TO BROW BEATING THE BREAD WINNER, THE SMYTHE WOMEN HAD SOMETHING ELSE IN COMMON... THEY WERE ALL SUPERSTITIOUS... AND POOR HENRY HAD TO SUFFER BECAUSE OF THAT TOO...

HENRY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING? DON'T YOU KNOW IT'S BAD LUCK TO WALK UNDER A LADDER? I SAVED YOU FROM A FATE WORSE THAN DEATH!



WHOW, THAT WAS CLOSE... ALMOST DIDN'T SEE THAT SALT! I REMEMBER THE LAST TIME, YOU FELL DOWN AND BROKE YOUR LEG! WOULDN'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN AGAIN!



BOY! ARE YOU LUCKY! IT WAS A GOOD THING I SAW THAT BLACK CAT BEFORE IT CROSSED YOUR PATH! NO TELLING WHAT MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IF I HADN'T BEEN AROUND!



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ADDRESS.....

CITY..... STATE.....

AGE..... WEIGHT..... HEIGHT.....

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NOW HENRY LOVED TO GO FISHING... IT GAVE HIM A CHANCE TO GET AWAY FROM HIS FAMILY!

BUT MABEL DIDN'T SAY A WORD ABOUT IT! HENRY DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY SHE WAS SO QUIET THAT NIGHT, BUT WHO WAS HE TO SPOIL A GOOD THING... AT LEAST SHE WASN'T YELLING AT HIM!

THE THREE WOMEN LOVED TO KEEP HENRY UNDER THEIR THUMB! THEY REALIZED THEY HAD A GOOD THING AND TOOK STEPS TO MAKE SURE IT DIDN'T GET AWAY! TAKE THE TIME HENRY'S PAL, GEORGE CALLED TO TAKE HENRY FISHING!



AND OF COURSE IT HAD TO RAIN THE NEXT DAY... A FACT WHICH MADE FRIEND GEORGE ALL THE MORE UNHAPPY!

GEORGE GREW ANGRIER AND ANGRIER AS HE GOT WETTER AND WETTER, AND THEN FINALLY WENT HOME! BUT HE WOULD HAVE A FEW THINGS TO SAY TO HENRY... QUITE A FEW!



HENRY COULDN'T FIGURE OUT WHY GEORGE WAS SO ANGRY... AND THEN IT DAWNED ON HIM... MABEL! SHE MUST HAVE FORGOTTEN TO GIVE HIM THE MESSAGE!



NOW YOU SEE THE CONDITIONS THAT POOR HENRY LIVED UNDER HIS FAMILY WOULD DO ANYTHING TO KEEP HIM FROM ENJOYING HIMSELF! EVEN HIS DAUGHTERS WERE LIKE THAT... TAKE THE TIME JENNY HAPPENED TO HAVE LUNCH DOWNTOWN AND SAT IN THE BOOTH NEXT TO HENRY'S BOSS...

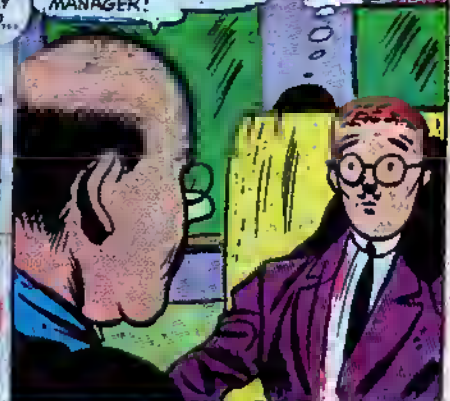
MR. LYONS? WHY, THAT'S DADDY'S BOSS... HMM, WONDER WHAT THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT?

WELL, MR. LYONS, HAVE YOU DECIDED WHO'S GOING TO TAKE OVER THAT DISTRICT MANAGERSHIP YET? IT'S BEEN A MONTH SINCE JONES LEFT!

YES, I KNOW... AND I STILL HAVEN'T MADE UP MY MIND...

I'D LIKE TO GIVE IT TO HENRY SMYTHE... IF ONLY HE SHOWED A LITTLE MORE DRIVE AND AMBITION! HENRY'S A GOOD MAN, BUT I JUST WONDER IF HE'D MAKE A GOOD DISTRICT MANAGER!

DADDY DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THIS TO MOTHER! THE NERVE OF HIM... KEEPING SECRETS FROM US!



THE CONVERSATION ABOUT HENRY ENDED THEN, AND THE TWO MEN STARTED TO LEAVE... IT WAS THEN THAT THE BOSS SAW JENNY... MAYBE THIS WAS THE ANSWER TO HENRY'S PROBLEM...

THERE'S HENRY'S DAUGHTER... BET SHE OVERHEARD OUR CONVERSATION! MAYBE SHE'LL TELL HIM ABOUT THIS SO I CAN GIVE HIM THE JOB... SURE WOULD LIKE TO SEE HIM GET IT!



THE DAYS PASSED AND THE BOSS WAITED... AND WAITED... AND WAITED... BUT HENRY WENT ABOUT HIS BUSINESS EXACTLY AS HE HAD ALWAYS DONE... AND SO...

I'M SORRY HENRY, BUT I HAD TO GIVE THE JOB TO FIELDS! I THOUGHT YOU'D CHANGE WHEN YOUR DAUGHTER TOLD YOU WHAT I WAS LOOKING FOR IN A MAN... BUT I GUESS YOU'RE NOT THE TYPE!

DAUGHTER TOLD ME! WHY, SHE DIDN'T SAY A WORD... NEVER MIND, SIR... IT'S OKAY, FIELDS IS A BETTER MAN FOR THE JOB!



THAT NIGHT HENRY DISCUSSED THE SITUATION WITH HIS DAUGHTER... OR TRIED TO...

... BUT IF YOU OVERHEARD THIS CONVERSATION, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME? IT WOULD HAVE MEANT THAT I COULD HAVE THAT JOB!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I DIDN'T TELL YOU... I'M ASNAAMED TO HAVE MY FRIENDS KNOW THAT MY FATHER WORKS FOR A PICKLE FACTORY!



... BESIDES... I KNOW THAT MR. LYONS IS AN EVIL MAN AND SINCE I CANNOT SEE EVIL I REFUSED TO ADMIT THAT I DID SEE HIM! AND I DON'T CARE IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND... I DID IT FOR YOUR OWN GOOD AND THAT'S ALL THAT MATTERS!



AND FAYE WAS WORSE... FOR SHE LIED TO THE LIES THAT HER SISTER AND MOTHER TOLD... SHE KNEW WHICH SIDE HER BREAD WAS BUTTERED ON, AND WASN'T GOING TO DO ANYTHING TO UPSET IT.

BUT IF YOU KNEW ALL THESE THINGS WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?

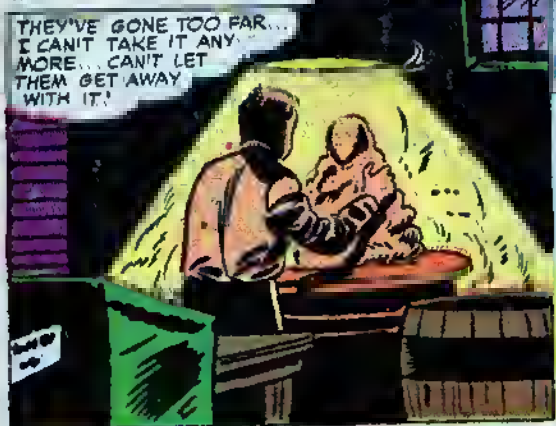
WHAT? ME HEAR SOME OF THE THINGS YOU MENTION... NEVER! MOTHER BROUGHT ME UP TO HEAR NO EVIL... SO I JUST SHUT MY EARS WHEN I THINK I SHOULD! NOW WILL YOU PLEASE STEP ASIDE SO I CAN SEE THE TV SET!



AND THAT'S THE STORY OF HENRY SMYTHE. HERE YOU SEE HIM, A BROKEN, DEJECTED, DEFEATED MAN, RULED BY THREE WOMEN... DOMINATED BY THEM... DESTROYED BY THEM. HE REALIZED IT AND ALSO REALIZED THAT IT WAS TOO LATE TO FIGHT BACK.



HENRY HAD ONLY ONE VICE LEFT... HIS HOBBY OF SCULPTURING... IT WAS TO THIS THAT HE TURNED WHEN EVER THE WORLD SEEMED EMPTY! FOR THE FEEL OF THE CLAY IN HIS HANDS SEEMED TO SOOTHE HIM... BUT NOT THIS TIME!



THEY'VE GONE TOO FAR... I CAN'T TAKE IT ANY MORE... CAN'T LET THEM GET AWAY WITH IT!

AND AS IT MUST TO ALL MEN, HENRY REVOLTED... HE HAD STOOD THE HENPECKING... THE NAGGING... AS LONG AS HE COULD...

MABEL! FAYE! JENNY! COME DOWN HERE THIS INSTANT! I'VE GOT SOMETHING I WANT TO SHOW YOU!

WHAT CAN HE WANT?

I'M BUSY!

OH COME ON GIRLS... LET'S HUMOR HIM. HE SOUNDS PRETTY ANGRY!



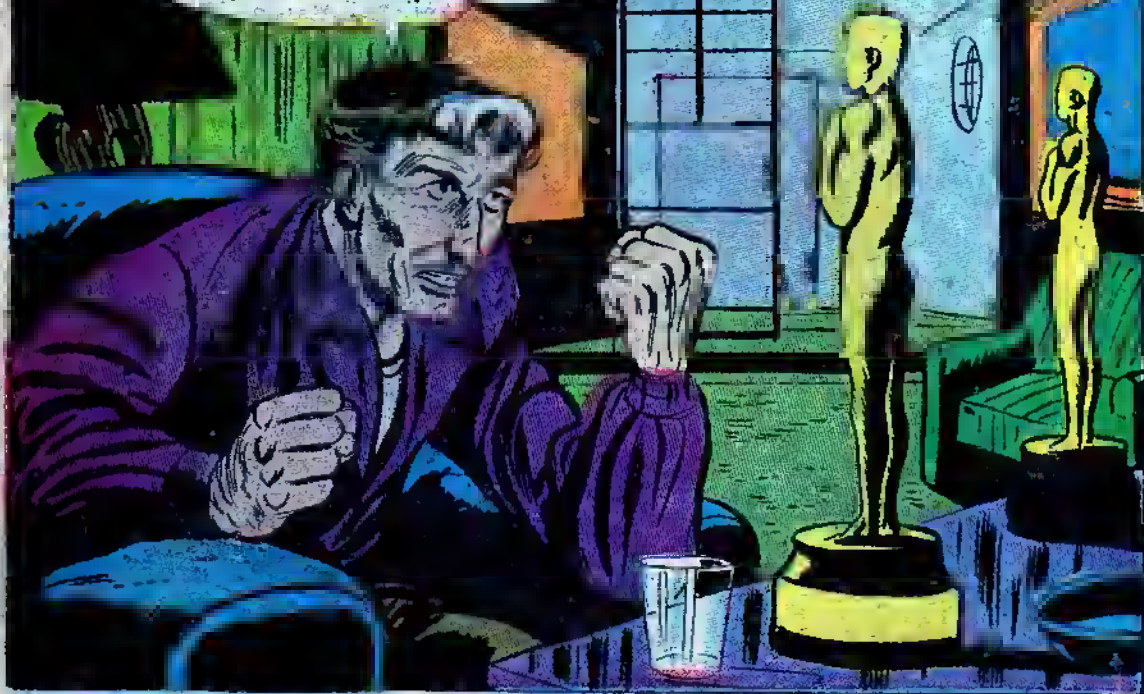
SUPERSTITIOUS EH? HEAR NO EVIL... SPEAK NO EVIL... SEE NO EVIL... ??? WELL DOOR HENRY HAD FINALLY FIGURED OUT THE ANSWER. NO MORE HENPECKING FOR HIM. THEY HAD MADE A MONKEY OUT OF HIM FOR THE LAST TIME... NOW HE HAD MADE MONKEYS OUT OF THEM!



MEET JOHN KING, RENOWNED HOLLYWOOD DIRECTOR! JOHN HAD ONE OBSESSION IN LIFE... THE WINNING OF ACADEMY AWARDS! THOSE GOLDEN STATUETTES HAVE BECOME HIS GOD! BUT JOHN HAS THE ANSWER... THE SECRET TO SUCCESS! EMOTIONS! LOVE! HATE! POWER! GREED! HE KNOWS THEM ALL AND CAN GET HIS ACTORS TO PORTRAY THEM! FOR HE KNOWS THE SECRET OF...

The GAMBIT!

SOON! SOON! ANOTHER ONE!
AND FOR MY GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT!
THEY SAY IT CAN'T BE DONE... BUT!
I'LL SHOW THEM! I'LL
SHOW THEM!



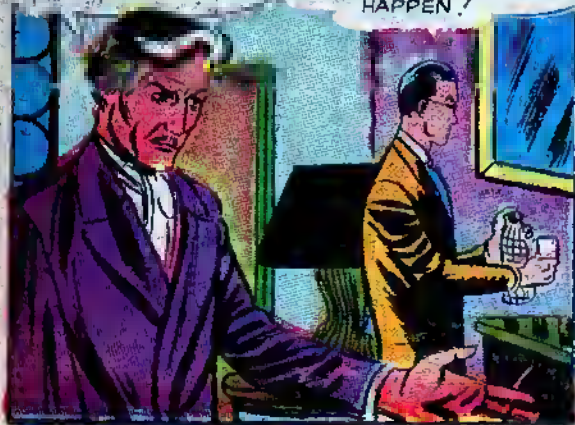
THERE WAS ONE PERSON JOHN KING LOVED TO DISCUSS HIS SUCCESS WITH... THAT WAS HIS PSYCHIATRIST FRIEND, STAN TOWNES. THAT WAS BECAUSE STAN WAS A THEORIST WHILE JOHN ACTUALLY WORKED AT THE STUDY OF EMOTIONS!

WHAT I
KNOW ABOUT EMOTIONS,
DOESN'T COME FROM
TEXT BOOKS! THAT'S
WHY I'M A SUCCESS!

BUT JOHN IT'S
DANGEROUS TO FOOL
AROUND WITH PEOPLE'S
MINDS... WHO ARE YOU
TO SAY WHAT WILL
HAPPEN!

BUT I DO KNOW HOW PEOPLE
WILL REACT! THAT'S WHY I'M
A TOP DIRECTOR! I CAN
MAKE ANYONE A STAR,
JUST BY DIRECTING
THEIR EMOTIONS TO
GET WHAT I WANT!

SOME CALL YOU A
GENIUS! THERE'S AN
AWFUL THIN LINE
BETWEEN GENIUS
AND INSANITY! I WONDER
ON WHICH SIDE OF
THE LINE YOU
BELONG!



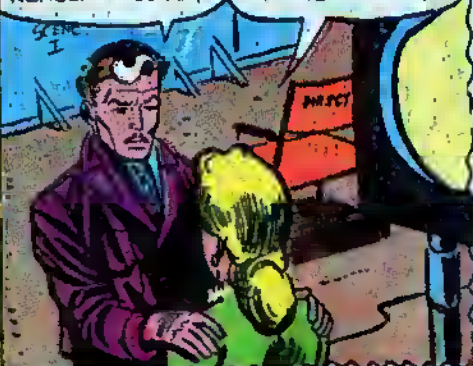
BUT I WASN'T FINISHED. NOT YET! NOW I HAD TO PORTRAY THAT EMOTION ON FILM! AND WHILE LINDA LIVED IN HER DREAM WORLD... A WORLD THAT I HAD PLACED HER ON... I WENT TO WORK... FOR THE MOVIE CAME FIRST... SUCCESS WAS AT MY FINGER TIPS!

THIS IS THE BIG SCENE, DARLING... THE LOVE SCENE. YOU'VE GOT TO BE CONVINCING TO PUT IT OVER! YOU'VE GOT TO ACT LIKE A WOMAN THAT'S REALLY IN LOVE!

THAT SHOULD BE EASY. I'LL JUST PRETEND THAT IT'S YOU AND THE REST WILL COME NATURALLY! FOR WHO CAN PLAY A WOMAN IN LOVE BETTER THAN I!

IT WAS AMAZING... THE PERFORMANCE STOPPED EVERYONE IN THEIR TRACKS... IT WAS A ONE IN A LIFETIME EVENT... BUT I KNEW IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS... FOR I HAD FIGURED LINDA PERFECTLY!

B-BUT, TYLER, YOU... YOU CAN'T LEAVE ME NOW! I... I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, SO VERY MUCH!



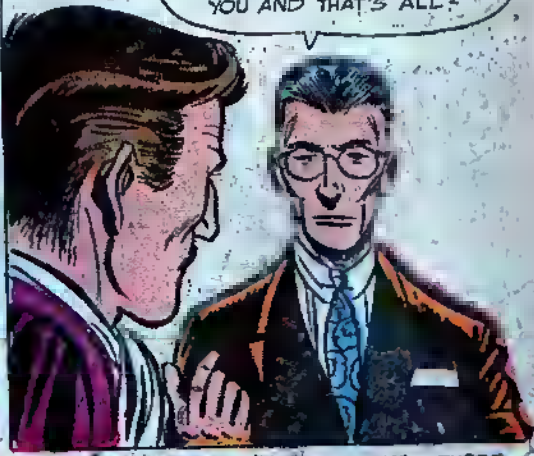
NOW YOU SEE THE SECRET OF JOHN KING'S SUCCESS... AND IT WORKED WITH DEVASTATING RESULTS!

OF COURSE I WON AN AWARD FOR THAT PRODUCTION... EVEN LINDA WON ONE! BUT WHY SHOULDN'T SHE? SHE WASN'T ACTING, SHE LIVED THAT ROLE! AND I GAVE HER THAT SUCCESS!

MAYBE SO, JOHN... MAYBE SO, BUT WHAT HAPPENED THEN?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN WHAT HAPPENED THEN? I DON'T UNDERSTAND!

WHAT ABOUT THE GIRL? SHE WAS IN LOVE WITH YOU, JOHN! REMEMBER? IT'S EASY FOR YOU TO GO AHEAD WITH YOUR NEXT PRODUCTION... BUT WHAT ABOUT LINDA? DOES SHE JUST FORGET ABOUT YOU AND THAT'S ALL?



THE CAMPAIGN STARTED SLOWLY... BUT THE FIRST SEEDS WERE BEGINNING TO BLOSSOM...

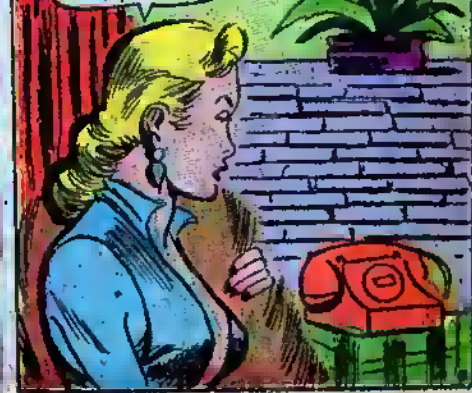
BUT JOHN KING HAD ALREADY MADE PLANS FOR LINDA... HE HAD BUILT HER INTO A STAR AND HE WOULD CONTINUE TO KEEP HER THERE! BUT ON HIS TERMS! IF HE COULD MAKE SOMEONE LOVE HIM, IT WOULD BE JUST AS EASY TO MAKE HER HATE HIM! AND THAT'S WHAT HIS NEXT PICTURE WAS ABOUT... AGAIN HE WOULD DIRECT HER EMOTIONS SO THAT HER REACTIONS WOULD BE EXACTLY AS HE PLANNED!

NOT HERE, LINDA... IN FRONT OF EVERYBODY! BESIDES, I'VE GOT WORK TO DO!

BUT DARLING, YOU NEVER OBJECTED BEFORE... I'M BEGINNING TO THINK YOU DON'T LOVE ME ANY MORE!

THAT WAS ONLY THE BEGINNING... THERE WERE PLENTY OF WAYS TO ADD FUEL TO THE FIRE!

HE'S OVER TWO HOURS LATE... WHY DOESN'T HE CALL? WHAT'S HAPPENING BETWEEN US? THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THIS WEEK HE'S DONE THIS! I'LL GO TO THAT PARTY MYSELF!



AND AT THE PARTY, JOHN ONLY TWISTED THE KNIFE DEEPER INTO THE WOUND!

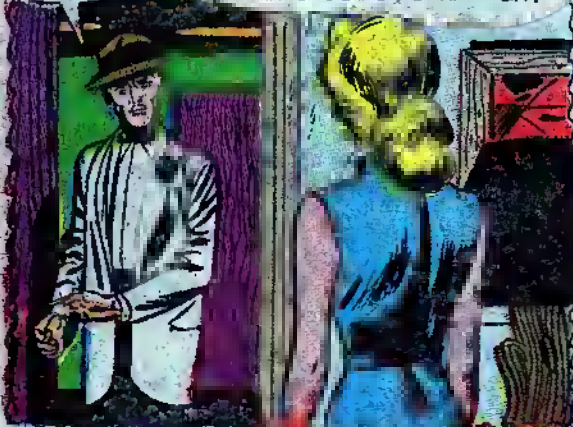
IT'S JOHN... AND WITH THAT NEW STARLET! WHY IS HE DOING THIS TO ME! WHY!



BUT LINDA DIDN'T GIVE UP SO EASILY... SHE HAD TO FIND OUT FOR HERSELF... WHICH WAS EXACTLY WHAT JOHN WANTED!

WHY LINDA, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

SINCE YOU WON'T SEE ME, I CAME TO SEE YOU! I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN US... WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!



AND NOW FOR THE PIECE DE RESISTANCE!

LOVED YOU! NEVER! DON'T BE A FOOL, LINDA... I WAS NEVER IN LOVE WITH YOU! YOU INTERESTED ME, THAT'S ALL! BUT NOW YOU BORE ME... SO GET OUT!

OH NO! SOB-SOB... HOW COULD YOU!



THE INCIDENTS APPEARED INNOCENT ENOUGH... HOW WAS LINDA TO KNOW THEY WERE MERELY PART OF A DIABOLICAL PLOT!

SAY JOHN, WHAT HAPPENED BETWEEN YOU AND LINDA LAWRENCE?

NOTHING... JUST AN INCIDENT IN MY YOUNG LIFE! AN INCIDENT LIKE ALL THE OTHERS!

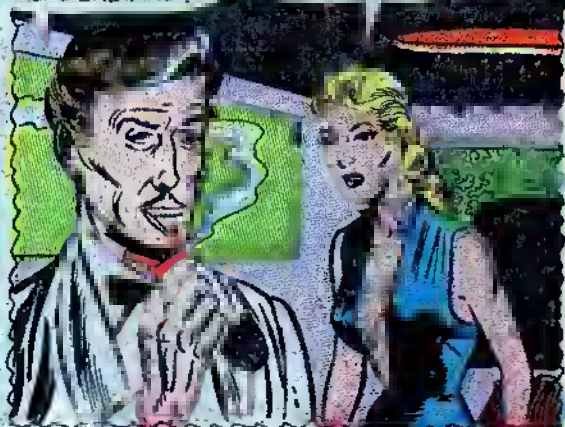
OH NO! HE CAN'T MEAN THAT... HE CAN'T!



JOHN HAD PLAYED HIS CARDS WELL... LINDA WAS ACTING AND REACTING EXACTLY AS HE KNEW SHE WOULD!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN... WHAT'S HAPPENED? WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN? I DON'T UNDERSTAND!


BUT YOU USED TO LOVE ME... YOU SAID SO... I... I ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT.



JOHN HELD HIS BREATH, FOR WHAT WOULD SHE DO... THEN HE RELAXED FOR SHE DID EXACTLY WHAT HE FELT SHE WOULD DO... HER LOVE HAD TURNED TO HATRED!

OH-OH... HOW I HATE YOU! DETEST YOU! SO I MEANT NOTHING TO YOU! YOU WERE ONLY USING ME! OF ALL THE LOW CONTEMPTIBLE TRICKS! I HATE YOU... HATE YOU!





I HAD TO ACT QUICKLY, STAN... WHILE SHE STILL FELT THE EMOTION THAT I HAD PLANTED... THOUGH SHE DETESTED ME, SHE WAS STILL AN ACTRESS... SO IT WASN'T TOO DIFFICULT TO CONVINCE HER TO ACT IN MY NEXT PRODUCTION!

NOW THIS IS THE MOOO... THIS IS THE MAN WHO HAS SAID HE LOVES YOU ONLY YOU HAVE FOUND OUT DIFFERENTLY... THIS LOVE FOR HIM HAS CHANGED TO HATRED! THINK YOU CAN DO IT?

YES, I THINK SO!

I KNEW SHE COULD TOO... BUT I WASN'T TAKING ANY CHANCES!

IF YOU NEED ANY HELP, JUST PRETEND IT'S ME STANDING OPPOSITE YOU!

WHY... WHY YOU...



NOW I HAD NO DOUBT AS TO HER EMOTIONS... HADN'T I BROUGHT THEM ON?

THEN IT SHOULD BE EASY TO PLAY THIS PART...

SHE WAS WONDERFUL... SENSATIONAL... FOR SHE WASN'T ACTING... SHE WAS LIVING THIS ROLE!

YOU JUST PRETENDED TO LOVE ME... AND NOW YOU WANT ME TO GO AWAY WITH YOU! NEVER! NEVER! I HATE YOU... DO YOU UNDERSTAND? I HATE YOU!

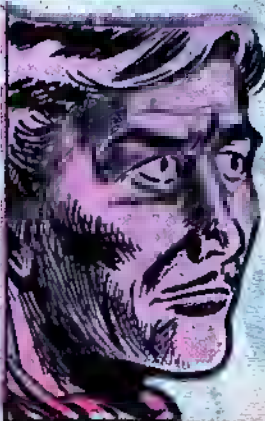
CUT! GREAT! SIMPLY GREAT!



THERE WAS NO QUESTION ABOUT THIS AWARD... NEVER HAD THEY SEEN ANY ACTING LIKE THAT! ONLY THE FOOLS DIDN'T REALIZE THEY WEREN'T WATCHING A PERFORMANCE... THEY WERE WATCHING THE REAL THING!

BUT JOHN... YOU CAN'T PLAY WITH PEOPLE'S EMOTIONS AS YOU HAVE WITH LINDA'S! YOU NEVER CAN TELL HOW SHE MIGHT REACT!

OH CAN'T I? WELL NOW I'M GOING TO CREATE MY GREATEST EPIC... AND I WILL ACT IN IT WITH LANA! SHE'S COMING HERE TONIGHT... THINKS MAYBE I'VE CHANGED IN MY FEELINGS TOWARD HER! BUT IT'S ONLY TO SET THE STAGE... A STAGE ON WHICH I PULL THE STRINGS OF HER EMOTIONS!



STAN TOWNES LEFT AFTER THAT... THIS WAS SOMETHING HE DIDN'T WANT TO SEE... TO WITNESS! AND SO THE STAGE WAS SET... A STAGE WHERE HUMAN EMOTIONS WERE THE PROPS AND JOHN KING THE DIRECTOR! HOW WOULD LINDA LAWRENCE ACT... JOHN KING THOUGHT HE KNEW!

LINDA APPEARED AT THE APPOINTED TIME... JUST AS JOHN KNEW SHE WOULD!

WELCOME LINDA... WELCOME!

JUST LIKE OLD TIMES... WELL, ALMOST LIKE OLD TIMES! NOW WHY DID YOU SEND FOR ME? TO BREAK MY HEART ALL OVER AGAIN?

YES, WHY HAD JOHN SENT FOR HER? WHAT WAS HE UP TO?

YOU THOUGHT I DIDN'T LOVE, BUT I WAS ONLY TESTING YOU! AND YOU FAILED THE TEST! YOU WENT OUT WITH OTHER MEN... YOU KISSED OTHER LIPS! THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO DEAL WITH A FAITHLESS WOMAN!

JOHN! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?

JOHN WAS ONLY ACTING, BUT HOW WAS LINDA TO KNOW THAT!

NOW JOHN KING'S PLAN WAS CLEAN... MURDER! OR PRETENDED MURDER! HE WANTED LINDA LAWRENCE TO KNOW HOW IT FEELS WHEN SHE IS ABOUT TO BE SLAIN!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER STAN TOWNES APPEARED AT THE DOOR... YOU KNOW HOW ABSENT MINDED PROFESSORS CAN BE...

NO, JOHN... NO! DON'T! DON'T!

EEEEYYAA!

HOPE JOHN WON'T MIND MY BUSTING IN ON HIM, BUT I ALWAYS LEAVE SOMETHING... WHAT WAS THAT? JOHN! JOHN!

TOWNES BROKE INTO THE APARTMENT... WHAT HAD HAPPENED? WHAT WAS JOHN KING UP TO?

JOHN! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? WHY... OH... OH NO!

SOB-SOB... HE WAS LIKE A MANIAC! IT HAPPENED SO... FAST! H-HE TRIED TO KILL ME! I... HIT HIM... ONCE... AND...

I... DON'T... KNOW... WHAT... GOT... INTO HIM... TRYING... TO... KILL... ME!

HE WOULDN'T LISTEN! HE THOUGHT HE KNEW EVERYTHING THERE WAS TO KNOW ABOUT THE HUMAN EMOTIONS... BUT HE OVERLOOKED THE MOST IMPORTANT ONE... THE WILL OF A PERSON TO SURVIVE... THAT IS THE STRONGEST OF ALL EMOTIONS!

YO HO HO!

I THINK YOU'LL LIKE THIS ONE... A TALE OF WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A MODERN HOOD TRIES TO MATCH WITS WITH AN OLD PIRATE... I'M NOT KIDDING YOU, BUT EVEN LONG JOHN SILVER WAS SPINNING IN HIS GRAVE OVER THIS! EDDIE WAS A CHEAP PUNK... ALWAYS ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A FAST BUCK... BUT NEVER QUICK ENOUGH TO CATCH UP WITH IT! WE PICK HIM UP AFTER

A BUGH WITH THE SHY... AND HIS GIRL, SAL, ARE HEADING TOWARD HER UNCLE SILAS' ISLAND FOR, SHALL WE SAY, AN ENFORCED VACATION!

I DON'T LIKE THIS, SAL.... THAT PLACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS! YOU SURE YOUR UNCLE STILL LIVES THERE? THINK MAYBE WE'D BETTER HEAD BACK!

TO WHAT... TO THE COPS! THIS IS THE PERFECT PLACE TO HOLE UP UNTIL THINGS COOL OFF! AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT MY UNCLE, HE HASN'T SET FOOT OFF HIS ISLAND IN TWENTY YEARS!

WELL, WHERE IS HE? THOUGHT YOU SAID THE OLD GEEZER WOULD MEET US!

TAKE IT EASY, HONEY... WE JUST GOT HERE! GIVE HIM A LITTLE TIME.

NO EDDIE DIDN'T LIKE THE SET-UP... ESPECIALLY WHEN.....

AVAST! WHO GOES THERE?

WHAT THE... COME ON OUT... AND WITH YOUR HANDS UP!

BE UNCLE SILAS... I FOUL TO TELL YOU A LITTLE... HE'S A LITTLE QUEER!

AHOY THERE MATEYS, GLAD TO HAVE YOU ABOARD! I'M CAP'N SILAS OF THE ILL-FATED SEA QUEEN! WELL, SHIVER MY TIMBERS, LITTLE SAL HERE SURE HAS BLOSSOMED INTO A TRIM LITTLE CRAFT!



"EDDIE SCRATCHED HIS HEAD BUT SHRUGGED WHEN SAL MOTIONED THAT EVERYTHING WAS ALL RIGHT! HE HADN'T SEEN

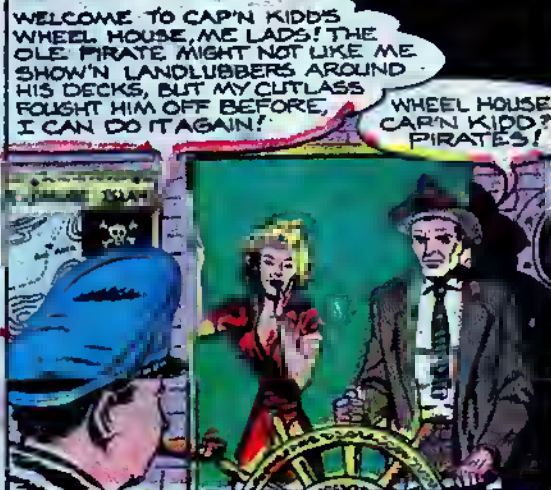
"THEY WERE INSIDE THE HOUSE NOW.... OR SHOULD I SAY SHIP? WHAT WAS GOING ON HERE?"



"THIS GUYS OFF HIS ROCKER... A HOUSE SHAPED LIKE A BOAT!"

"THERE SHE BLOWS MY BOYS.... NOT MUCH, BUT I CALL IT HOME!"

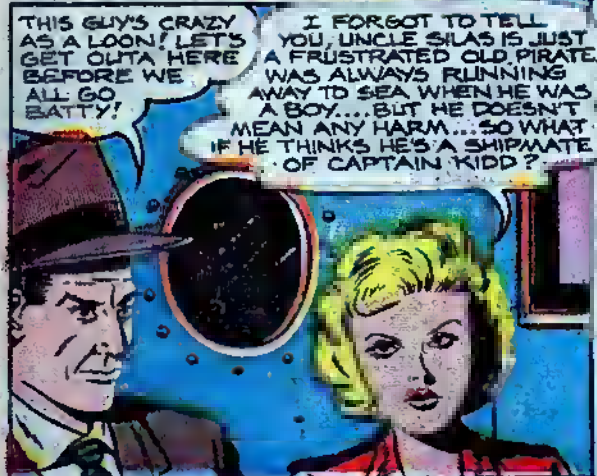
"SHH, EDDIE.... HE'S LIABLE TO HEAR... I'LL EXPLAIN IT TO YOU WHEN WE'RE ALONE!"



"WELCOME TO CAP'N KIDD'S WHEEL HOUSE, ME LADS! THE OLE PIRATE MIGHT NOT LIKE ME SHOW'N LANDLUBBERS AROUND HIS DECKS, BUT MY CUTLASS ROUGHT HIM OFF BEFORE, I CAN DO IT AGAIN!"

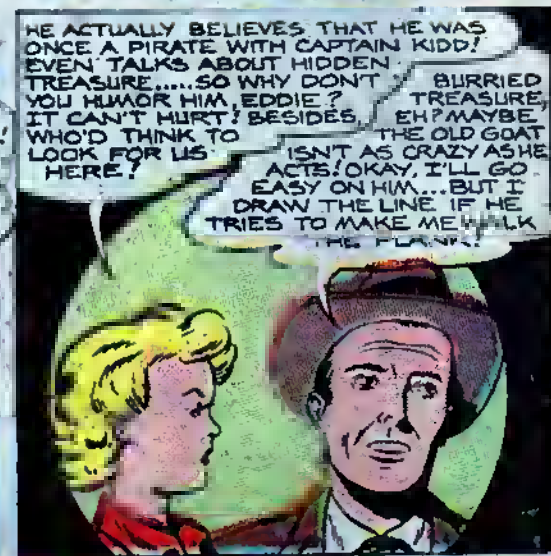
"WHEEL HOUSE? CAP'N KIDD? PIRATES!"

"THE CAP'N TOOK THEM ON A TOUR OF HIS HOUSE, ER, SHIP, AND FINALLY IT WAS TIME TO TURN IN.... FOR AS CAP'N SILAS SAID, THEY WOULD HAVE THE EARLY WATCH....."



"THIS GUYS CRAZY AS A LOON! LET'S GET OUTA HERE BEFORE WE ALL GO BATTY!"

"I FORGOT TO TELL YOU, UNCLE SILAS IS JUST A FRUSTRATED OLD PIRATE! WAS ALWAYS RUNNING AWAY TO SEA WHEN HE WAS A BOY.... BUT HE DOESN'T MEAN ANY HARM... SO WHAT IF HE THINKS HE'S A SHIPMATE OF CAPTAIN KIDD?"



"HE ACTUALLY BELIEVES THAT HE WAS ONCE A PIRATE WITH CAPTAIN KIDD! EVEN TALKS ABOUT HIDDEN TREASURE.... SO WHY DON'T YOU HUMOR HIM, EDDIE? IT CAN'T HURT! BESIDES, WHO'D THINK TO LOOK FOR US HERE?"

"BURRIED TREASURE, EH? MAYBE THE OLD GOAT ACTS! OKAY, I'LL GO EASY ON HIM... BUT I DRAW THE LINE IF HE TRIES TO MAKE ME WALK THE PLANK!"

"EDDIE LISTENED TO THE STORY OF THE FRUSTRATED PIRATE... BUT THEN SOMETHING CAUGHT HIS EYE....."



"HEY, WHERE'S HE GOIN' AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT! HMM.... I WONDER! CALL IT A HUNCH, BUT I'M GONNA SEE WHAT LONG JOHN IS UP TO!"



"YO! HO! HO! AND A BOTTLE OF RUM.... FIFTEEN MEN ON A DEAD MAN'S CHEST!"

"HOW DID I EVER GET MIXED UP IN THIS? IF I HAD ANY SENSE I'D TURN AROUND AND GET OFF THIS BOOBY TRAP!"

"EDDIE FOLLOWED THE CAPTAIN AND THEN WONDERED WHY HE SUDDENLY DECIDED TO STOP WALKING...WHAT WAS HE WAITING FOR....."

JUST A FEW MINUTES MORE, ME HEARTIES.....THATS WHEN YOUR OLE SHIP-MATE'LL COME TO SIT A SPELL WITH YOU!

WHATS HE WAITIN' FOR NOW? OH, THIS BETTER BE GOOD... IT COST ME A NEW SUIT JUST TO FOLLOW THIS CRAZY COOT!



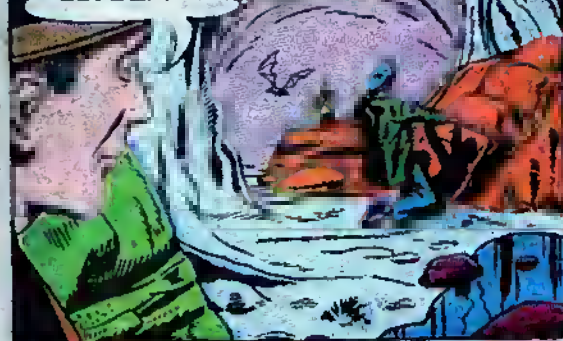
"THEY WAITED A FEW MORE MOMENTS...THE FRUSTRATED PIRATE AND THE CHEAP THUG.... AND THEN....."

SO THAT'S WHAT HE WAS WAITING FOR... THE TIDE TO GO OUT! BET THAT'S WHERE HE KEEPS HIS TREASURE.... IF IT REALLY EXISTS! MAYBE THIS GUY ISN'T AS BALMY AS HE LOOKS!



"EDDIE FOLLOWED THE OLD MAN INTO THE CAVE...MAYBE HE WAS CRAZY, MAYBE HE WASN'T...BUT WHEN YOU LIVE BY THE ANGLES, YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO OVERLOOK ONE TRICK...AND EDDIE WAS A GREAT ONE, FOR PLAYING THE ANGLES...."

NOW WHERE DID HE GO? OH-OH, LOOKS LIKE HE FOUND WHAT HE WAS LOOKING FOR BETTER GET A LITTLE CLOSER!



SHADES OF LONG JOHN SILVER... EITHER THIS GETS HEAVIER EVERYTIME I LIFT IT OR ELSE I'M GETTIN' OLD...YO-HO KIDD...FEAST YOUR EYE ON THIS!

FROM THE WAY HE'S STRUGGLING WITH THAT CHEST IT MUST BE LOADED!



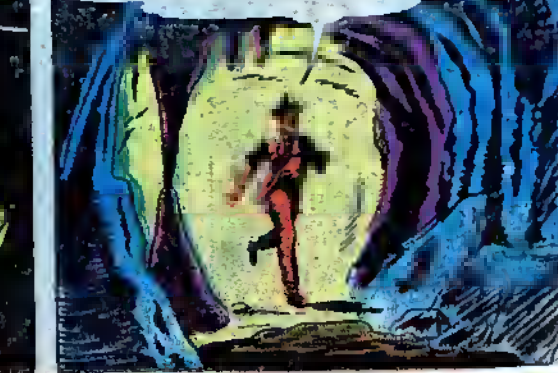
IT'S ALL HERE, KIDD! BET YOU'RE SPINNIN' IN YOUR GRAVE TO SEE ME WITH YOUR TREASURE! FIVE THOUSAND...SIX THOUSAND...YUP IT'S ALL HERE!

CRAZY ALL RIGHT, CRAZY AS A FOX! PASSES HIMSELF OFF AS NUTS SO NOBODY'LL BOTHER HIM ABOUT HIS MONEY! ONLY THING IS LITTLE EDDIE HERE CAN BE JUST AS CRAZY!



"THE HOOD HAD SEEN ENOUGH... NOW THE PROBLEM WAS HOW TO GET HIS GREEDY HANDS ON THE MONEY...BUT YOU FORGOT, EDDIE KNEW ALL THE ANGLES....."

"THIS'LL BE LIKE TAKIN' CANDY FROM A BABY....A PERFECT SET-UP! AND TO THINK I WANTED TO LEAVE THIS PLACE! WELL, I'LL BE LEAVING IT ALL RIGHT...BUT WITH ALL THAT DOUGH!"



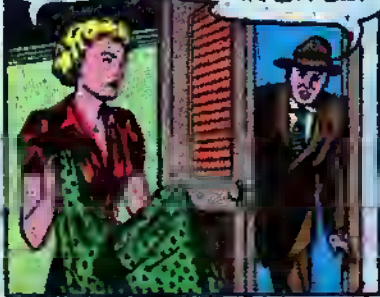
WITHIN HIS EVIL
BRAIN A PLAN HAD
BEEN BORN! IT WAS
PERFECT... HE COUL-
D N'T MISS! SO THE OLD
BOY WANTED TO BE
A SEA CAPTAIN, EH?
WELL HERE'S WHERE
HE HAD HIS WISH...
ONLY HIS CREW WAS
GOING TO MUTINY!



"HE RACED BACK TO HIS ROOM,
ER CABIN, ONLY TO FIND THAT
SAL HAD AGREED WITH HIM...
SHE WAS BUSY PACKING!"

YOU'RE RIGHT,
EDDIE... THIS PLACE
IS TOO MUCH FOR
ME! WE'LL LEAVE
TOMORROW AND
TAKE OUR
CHANCES
WITH THE
COPS!

"NOTHIN'
DOIN' BABY!
WHEN WE
LEAVE HERE
IT'LL BE WITH
ENOUGH DOUGH
TO FINANCE A
TRIP TO SOUTH
AMERICA... AND
IN STYLE!"



"SAL DIDN'T QUITE UNDERSTAND WHAT
HAD HAPPENED TO EDDIE... IT WASN'T
UNTIL HE EXPLAINED WHAT HE HAD
SEEN THAT SHE FELL IN WITH HIS PLAN."

BUT HONEY,
HOW ARE YOU
GOING TO GET
YOUR HANDS
ON THAT
DOUGH?

SIMPLE! I'M GONNA
WAIT UNTIL THE
CAP'N GOES BACK
INTO THAT CAVE...
AND I'M GONNA
FOLLOW HIM WITH A
SMALL ROWBOAT! I SAW
ONE PARKED UP THE BEACH
AWAYS! THEN I'M GONNA
BUMP HIM OFF!



THEN I'LL TAKE
HIM AND THE MONEY OUT
INTO THE BAY... SINK HIM
AND THE BOAT... AND SWIM
TO SHORE WITH THE DOUGH!
NOBODY'LL EVER FIND
HIM... NOBODY'LL MISS
THE LOOT! AND BY THE
TIME THEY DO, WE'LL BE
BACK IN BUSINESS, SOUTH
OF THE BORDER!



"A PERFECT PLAN
YOU'D SAY? WELL, YOU
KNOW THE ONE ABOUT
THE BEST LAID PLANS
OF MICE AND MEN...
BUT CAPN SILAS
DIDN'T FIT RIGHT IN
WITH EDDIE'S IDEA...
AFTER ALL, HE HAD
JUST VISITED HIS
MONEY... THERE WAS
NO NEED FOR HIM TO
SEE IT AGAIN FOR
SOME TIME! AND SO
EDDIE AND SAL HAD
TO PUT UP WITH THE
CAP'N AND HIS
TALES OF THE SPAN-
ISH MAIN AND PIRATES
AND HANGING FROM
THE GALLEY!
WELL, IT WAS ENOUGH
TO DRIVE ANYONE
BATTY....."



"THE WEEKS PASSED AND THEN ONE
NIGHT IT HAPPENED... THE NIGHT EDDIE
HAD BEEN WAITING FOR....."

I HAD TO LISTEN TO YOUR STORIES
LONG ENOUGH... THIS IS ONE
YOU'LL NEVER FORGET...
'CAUSE WHEN IT'S OVER YOU'RE
GONNA BE DEAD!

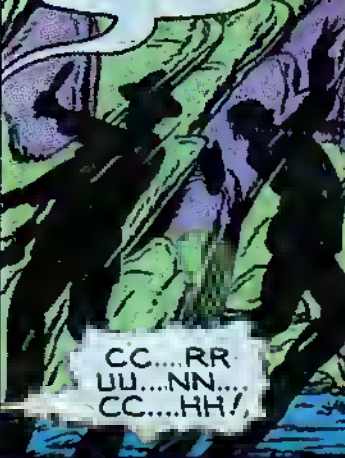


"SLOWLY, EVER SO SLOWLY, THE
SMALL CRAFT MADE ITS WAY
INTO THE CAVE....."

TAKE A GOOD LOOK,
CAP'N... 'CAUSE IT'S
GONNA BE YOUR
LAST!



WHAT A STORY YOU'LL BE
ABLE TO TELL, CAPN KIDD!
THE TWO OF YOU WILL
HAVE A LOT TO
TALK OVER!



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UU...NN...
CC...HH!

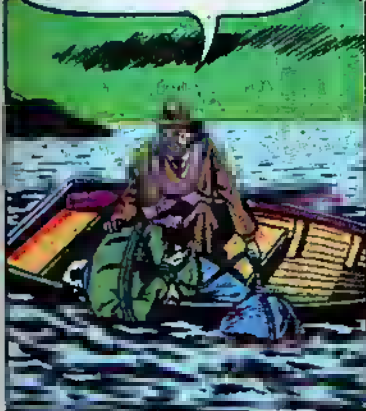
"NO, HE HADN'T MADE ONE
SINGLE MISTAKE..... THERE
WAS A TREASURE IN THE CHEST
.....AND NOW IT WAS HIS FOR
THE TAKING!"

REAL SWEET OF THE
OLD BOY TO HAVE IT FIXED
UP IN MONEY BELTS.....
MAKE IT A LOT MUCH
EASIER TO SWIM
WITH THAT WAY!



*ONCE OUT OF THE CAVE, ED-
DIE PUT THE REST OF HIS
PLAN INTO EFFECT.....

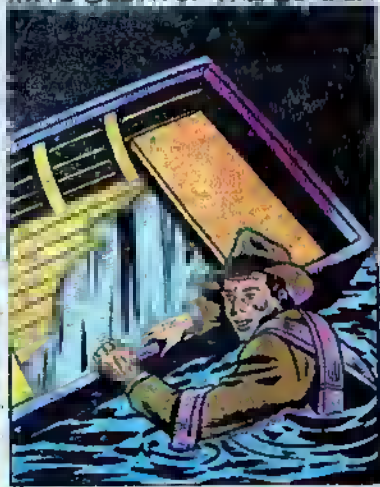
OVER YOU GO! A
SALTY OLD CHARACTER
LIKE YOU WILL MAKE
GOOD FISH FOOD!



NOW TO GET RID OF THE
EVIDENCE....I'M GONNA
HAVE TO GET A LITTLE
WET BUT IT'LL BE
WORTH IT!

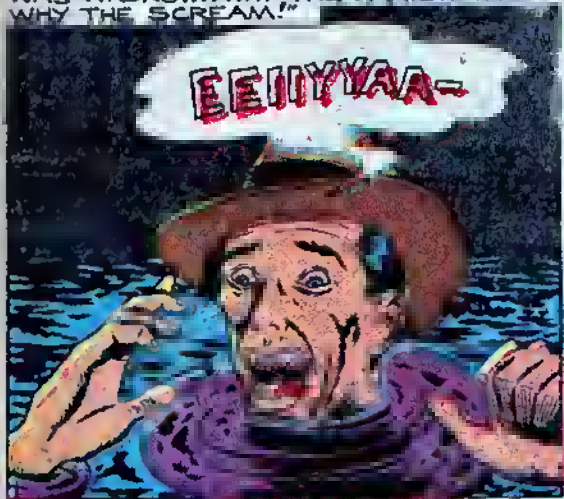


THE THUG SLIPPED INTO THE
WATER...IT WAS JUST A SHORT
SWIM TO SHORE...TO SAFETY...
TO SOUTH OF THE BORDER!

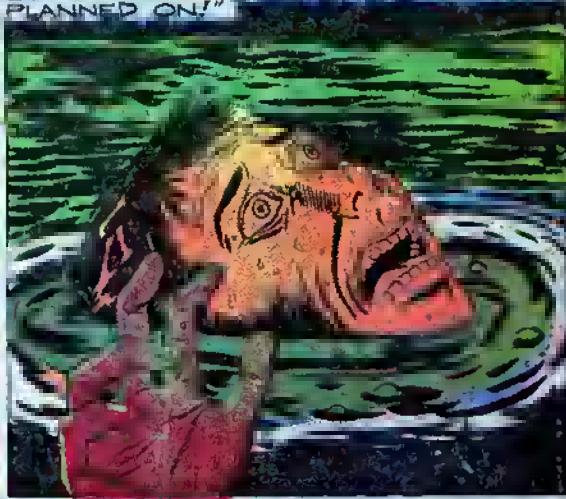


*EDDIE WAS A GOOD SWIMMER. HE HAD
NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT! BUT WHAT
WAS WRONG....WHY THE PANIC.....
WHY THE SCREAM!"

EEIIYYAA-

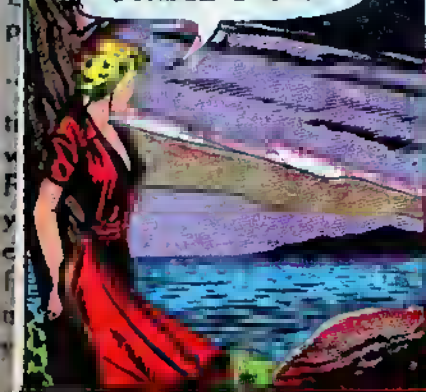


*WHAT ARE YOU STRUGGLING FOR EDDIE?
WHAT'S WRONG? CRAMP? OCTOPUS? NO....
SOMETHING ELSE! SOMETHING YOU HADNT
PLANNED ON!"



*THE TIME PASSED AND SAL
WAITED ON THE BEACH.....
HAND WAITED....AND WAITED.....

*WHAT'S KEEPIN' HIM! WHERE
IS HE? THERE WAS SOMETHING
OUT THERE A WHILE AGO
..... BUT NOW...NOTHING!
BET HE'S PULLING A
DOUBLE CROSS!



NO SAL, EDDIE DIDNT PULL A
DOUBLE CROSS....BECAUSE A FEW YEARS
LATER THIS IS WHAT HE LOOKED LIKE! THE
FOOL....WHY DIDNT HE FIGURE OUT THAT
A FRUSTRATED OLD PIRATE, WOULD
CHANGE HIS MONEY INTO THOSE LARGE,
HEAVY DOUBLOONS OF ANCIENT DAYS.....
LARGE ENOUGH AND HEAVY ENOUGH
TO WEIGHT A MAN DOWN WHEN HE'S
TRYING TO SWIM....AS A MATTER
OF FACT, HEAVY ENOUGH TO.....
DROWN HIM!



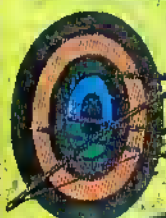
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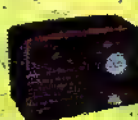
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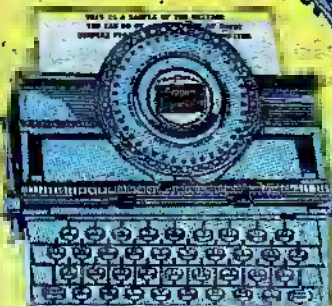
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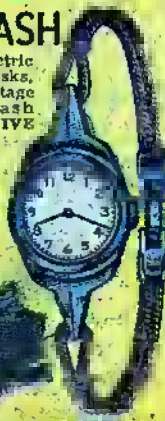
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THE MASQUERADE

George was pleading with Alice. "Why can't you go? I was there last year and it was swell! Most everybody we know is going. It's the best masquerade ball of the year!"

Alice smiled. "Oh, I'd just love to go with you, George, but you know my father. I'll have to ask him first. And you know my physical condition, my heart . . ." It was true, for Alice had a frail, faulty heart. Since early childhood she'd had to forfeit most of the things her girl friends had done—swimming, tennis, hikes, all these were denied her. Nothing serious to worry about—all the doctors assured her of that—but still she had to be careful, very careful.

He nodded. "Well, see what he says and let me know. I don't think it will be too much of a strain on you. I've got my costume all ready, and I'd rather take you than any person I know."

"Thank you, George, you're a sweet old dear!"

When George had gone, Alice went into the library to talk the situation over with her father. She had never been to a masquerade ball before, and she was thrilled about the whole affair. It was quite a task, convincing her father that it would be all right, that nothing would happen to her. Fathers can be so backwards and old-maidish at times.

"Father," she had said, "why can't I go? Everybody else is going. You're just an old prude!"

He smiled, flicking an ash from his cigar. "All right, Alice, I'll give in to you this time. But remember, it was a very wise man who once said, 'all is not gold that glitters.' Remember that. Be careful. Try not to tax yourself physically. All your life your mother and I have done our best to protect you from harm and danger, but the time is coming when I'll no longer be able to guard you. You may go to the masquerade dance."

Alice was deliriously happy. The next afternoon she shopped for three hours in order to get the correct, the perfect costume for herself. In a mad rush, she visited one department store after another, trying on dozens of dresses until finally she had exactly what she wanted. She finally decided on an angel costume, all pink and glittery, and it even had a trick halo that floated mysteriously above her head. It would be the best, the most unusual costume at the dance, she decided with a quick toss of her pretty blonde curls.

The night of the ball George came for her promptly at eight. Dear George! Dear, punctual, easy-going, steady-as-a-rock George. Always around, polite, chivalrous, dependable George. But oh, so dull, Alice thought. So dreadfully dull! Visions of knights in shining armor, riding white steeds to battle, haunted Alice's dreams, and all George ever did was tarnish the silvery glow of their armor. But he was an escort to the dance, and Alice could not afford to be choosy.

At the dance, she was easily the sensation of the evening. Though she was masked everyone could see how beautiful she was, how graceful, how supple, how marvelously she floated over the floor in the arms of the many who danced with her.

There were many costumes and varied; there were cave-men and devils, funny faces and sad, demons and saints, and she danced with them all, she whisked from one straining arm to the next; happy, breathless, floating on the silent wings of her greatest night of glory. During these moments she forgot about her weak heart, her father's warning to her.

Then suddenly a man cut in, swept her into his arms, a man she had not danced with before. Alice gasped in surprise. For a moment as he held her she felt an icy quail sweep over her and suddenly she was completely at ease. From whence had he come? She was sure she had noticed every costume at the ball. He must have arrived

late, she decided with a mental shrug. No matter. He was dressed plainly, all in grey, grey gloves, grey suit and tie. But his face was masked. It was this also, that had caused Alice to gasp. Because of all the masked men in the room, his was surely the most original, the most baffling, the cleverest and most arresting.

His face seemed blank.

Alice snuggled into his arms as the music swept dreamily on and on, and for the first time during the dance, no one cut in on her. She did not notice. And on the crowded floor they were not even bumped by other swaying couples. If they had been a million miles away from earth, floating in empty space, they could have been no more alone. And far back in Alice's mind a haunting doubt began to gnaw its way to her consciousness. But the strength of his arms drove away all doubts, and even the icy coldness of his hand upon the small of her back did not jar her from her dreams.

"Who are you?" she murmured into his ear.

"No matter," his voice came back. "You will know before the night is ended. Soon we unmask: at the stroke of twelve, and you shall see."

Alice moved her head back and gazed at his face. The blankness under the hat seemed suddenly aswirl with movement and then was still. Whoever he was, someone had done a simply marvelous job of make-up. The greyness seemed to match perfectly with the rest of his costume.

The music stopped and the man guided her to the balcony. For a brief moment she thought of George, dear, dull, dependable George, and she felt a strange urge to call out for him, as though suddenly she needed him, needed him worse than ever before in all her life; but the thought faded away like fog struck by the slanting rays of the rising sun. And the words of her father suddenly echoed in her memory . . . "all is not gold that glitters . . . be careful . . ."

And then she was calm and peaceful and they were on the open balcony and the night enveloped them with softness, and ageless, glittering stars shone calmly down.

They stood there, not speaking, breath-

ing in the silent humid fragrance of the summer night. Then a pale ring of moon waned ghostlike and fragile, riding low on the edge of the horizon.

Alice sighed. This was so romantic, just what she had always dreamed would happen to her. And at twelve she would see his face. She knew, she was just positive he had light blue eyes and strong, even, white teeth under that funny mask he wore. And his hair would be dark and curly and glistening.

"Who are you?" she asked again. She was curious now, with a strange expectancy.

His voice sounded tired as he answered, "You shall know at twelve. You have danced dreadfully long and strenuous tonight, my Alice, but you shall know soon. Many, many years have led to this moment, but we were destined to meet tonight."

Suddenly behind them, in the great lighted hall, music blared and the sound of laughter could be heard. Alice turned to him, removing her mask, tilting her face skyward. She was very beautiful.

"It is twelve," she said tremulously, "they are unmasking inside. Now I must know and see your face."

He seemed reluctant and swiftly she moved her hand upward to remove his mask.

She screamed then, a long drawn-out, thin screeching wail of fright. The sound a person would make if they were frightened to death.

And Alice sank limply and gracefully to the floor of the balcony.

They found no one beside her. And later, the doctor said she died of heart failure. "Too much excitement for her weak heart. She danced too much." He shrugged his fat shoulders in pity and mopped his perspiring brow. "Such a beautiful girl, too. Her first dance and she was having such a wonderful time."

But what they did not know and the thing they could never know was this. When Alice reached to unmask the man in grey, she discovered, poor Alice did, that he was not wearing a mask at all, and the blank grey space between his shoulders and under his hat—the space all aswirl with greyness and movement was . . . his face!

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WELL, I'VE HUNG ON TO YOU AS LONG AS I COULD--- BUT A MAN'S GOT TO EAT!



HE TURNED AND ENTERED THE PAYIN SHOP --- THERE WAS NO ONE AT THE COUNTER ---

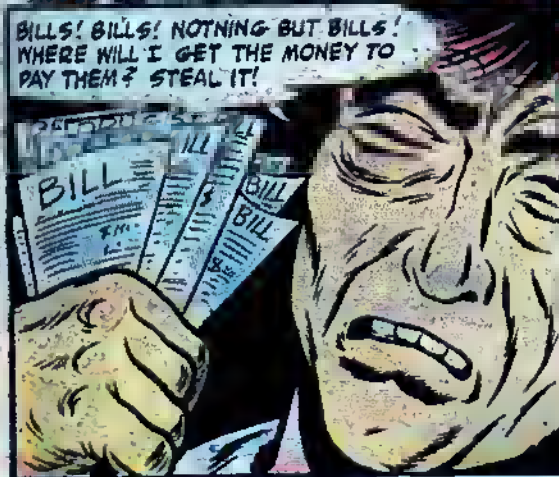
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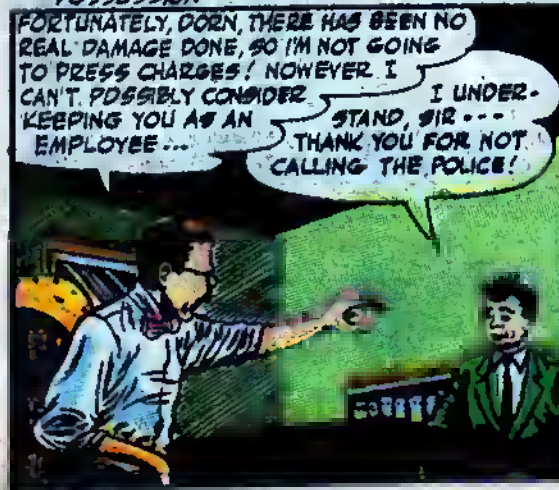
A VOICE FROM THE REAR ASSURED HIM THAT SOMEONE WOULD BE WITH HIM PRESENTLY! WHILE HE WAITED, CALVIN DORN LOOKED DOWN AGAIN AT HIS WATCH--- MEMORIES CROWDED INTO HIS MIND FILLING HIM WITH GREAT SORROW ---



AND THEN CAME THE BIRTH OF TIMMY, HIS SON-- AND WITH TIMMY CAME DOCTOR BILLS, ADDED BY THREE ---



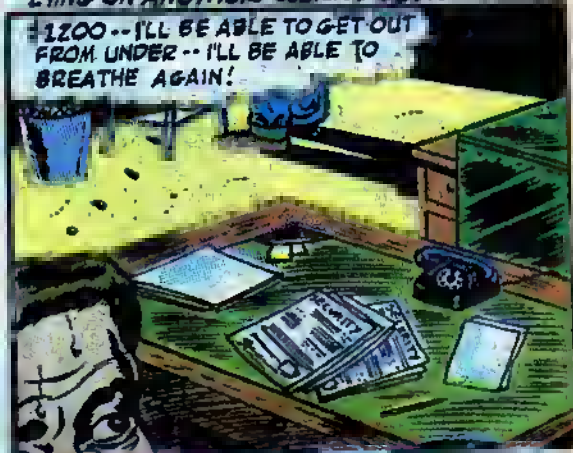
IT DIDN'T WORK! THAT SAME DAY THE SECURITIES WERE MISSED --- AND FOUND IN CALVIN'S POSSESSION ---



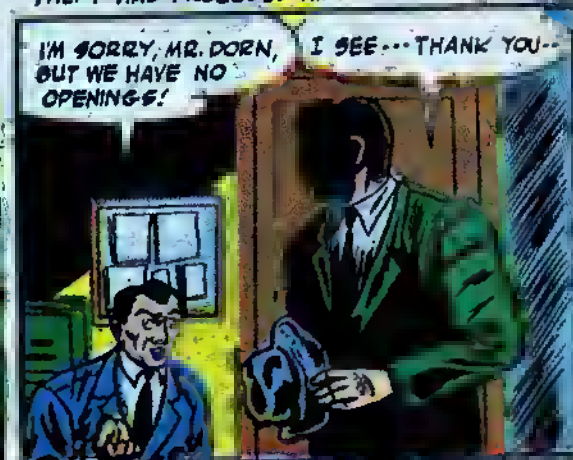
PICTURES OF THE PAST PARADED BEFORE HIM--- THE FIRST FEW MONTHS OF MARRIAGE --- THE PROBLEMS -- THE ANXIETIES THAT CAME FROM TRYING TO LIVE ON THE SALARY OF A CLERK ---



'STEAL IT!' THAT WAS ONE WAY! IT PREYED ON HIS MIND UNTIL ONE DAY --- AN ENVELOPE CONTAINING NEGOTIABLE SECURITIES WAS LYING ON ANOTHER CLERK'S DESK ---



AND SO, CALVIN DORN WAS OUT OF A JOB! HE DRIFTED AIMLESSLY FROM ONE BROKERAGE FIRM TO ANOTHER --- BUT THE STORY OF HIS THEFT HAD PRECEDED HIM ---



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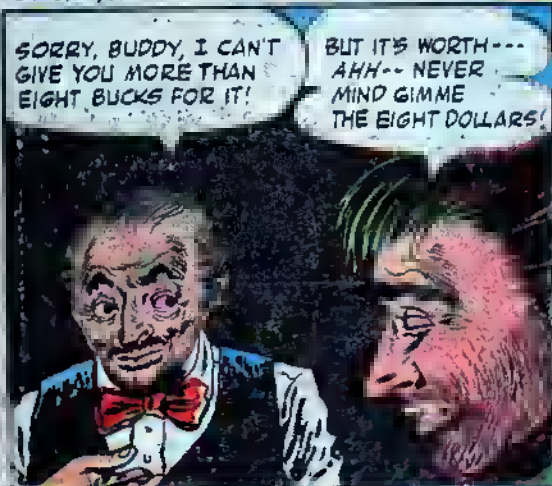
IT GOT SO HE COULDN'T FACE HIS WIFE ANYMORE... HE BEGAN DRINKING -- TRYING TO ESCAPE FROM REALITY BEHIND AN AMBER COLORED SCREEN! FINALLY, ONE DAY, HE REACHED A DECISION...



HIS SOLE COMFORT WAS THE BOTTLE! HE MANAGED TO GET ODD JOBS THAT PAID ENOUGH TO KEEP HIM IN HIS ALCOHOLIC STUPOR...



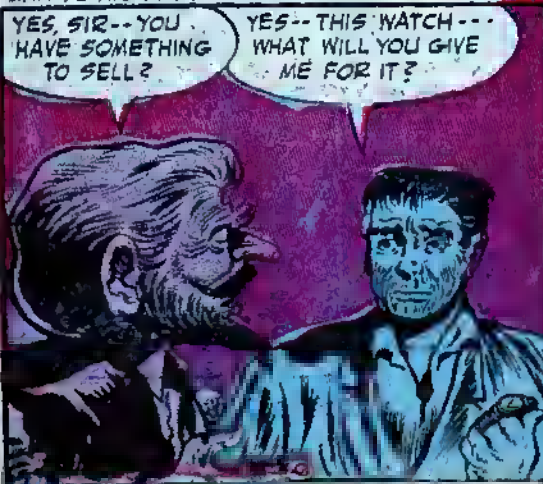
HE SANK LOWER AND LOWER, PAWNING, ONE BY ONE, THE FEW VALUABLES HE OWNED...



AND AT LAST, CALVIN DORN WAS REDUCED TO THE RANKS OF THOSE HOMELESS WORTHLESS DERELICTS WHO BEG FOR HANDOUTS AND SLEEP IN GUTTERS...



HE HAD PAWNEEDED EVERYTHING BUT THE WATCH-- RELUCTANT TO PART WITH THE LAST REMAINING LINK TO HIS PAST-- BUT NOW...



THE STRANGELY DRESSED CLERK PEERED AT THE TIMEPIECE THROUGH HIS GLASS...



SUDDENLY, EVERYTHING WENT GREY... HE LEANED DIZZILY AGAINST THE COUNTER... THE CLERK REACHED OUT A HAND TO STEADY HIM...

YOU'VE GOT TO BUY IT! DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? IT'S ALL I OWN!

ALL YOU OWN? ARE YOU QUITE SURE? THERE IS SOMETHING, ELSE YOU KNOW---



CALVIN LISTENED TRANSFIXED AS THE MAN CONTINUED---

HOWEVER, I SEE BY MY RECORDS THAT YOUR SOUL IS ALREADY COMMITTED TO MY, ER... EMPLOYER FOR "CERTAIN MORAL INDISCRETIONS". NEVERTHELESS, I AM PREPARED TO MAKE A BARGAIN WITH YOU.

WHAT'S THAT?



CALVIN STARED AT THE MAN WONDERING AT THE MEANING OF HIS WORDS---

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN... WHAT ELSE DO I OWN?

A SOUL, SIR... YOU OWN A SOUL!



IN ORDER THAT MY EMPLOYER MAY ASSUME POSSESSION OF YOUR SOUL A BIT SOONER, I AM PREPARED TO OFFER YOU THE SUM OF \$100,000 FOR A YEAR OF YOUR LIFE!

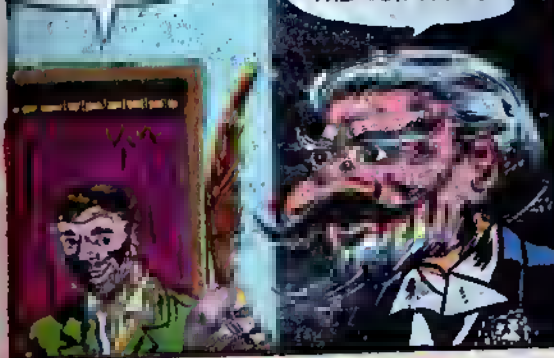
\$100,000 FOR ONE YEAR?... WHY, I'LL... I'LL SELL YOU FIVE YEARS!



THE CLERK WAS QUITE PLEASED WITH CALVIN'S WILLINGNESS TO DO BUSINESS---

HALF A MILLION DOLLARS FOR FIVE DEERABLE YEARS OF MY LIFE -- HA-HA!... IT'S FANTASTIC -- I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!

I CAN ASSURE YOU THIS IS NO HOAX, SIR! PLEASE SIGN THE CONTRACT!



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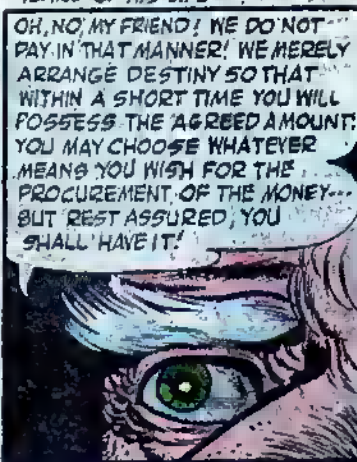
CONTRACTS OF THIS SORT ARE NOT SIGNED WITH INK, MY FRIEND---



THE CLERK TOOK A SHARP KNIFE AND MADE A SMALL CUT IN CALVIN'S FINGER, LETTING SEVERAL DROPS OF BLOOD FALL ---



THE CONTRACT SIGNED, CALVIN DORN ASKED FOR THE \$500,000 FOR WHICH HE HAD SOLD FIVE YEARS OF HIS LIFE ---



CALVIN WAS STILL CONFUSED BY IT ALL, BUT SOMEHOW HE WOULD SOON HAVE HIS HALF MILLION DOLLARS-- DESTINY WOULD BE ARRANGED! HE HAD GONE NO MORE THAN FIFTY FEET FROM THE PAWN SHOP ---



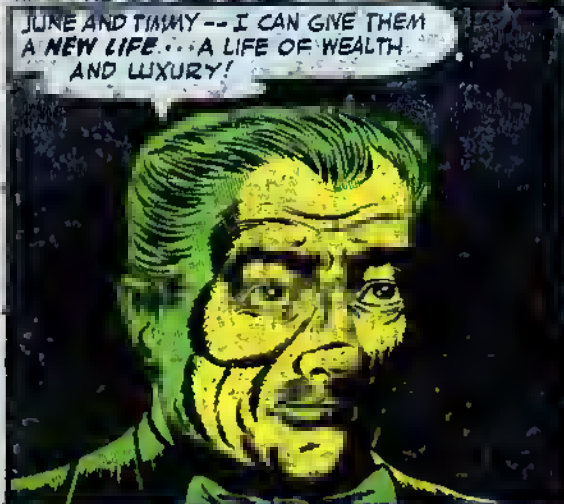
THERE WAS NO IDENTIFICATION IN THE WALLET-- IT CONTAINED \$500! IT WAS THE FIRST STEP IN THE FULFILLMENT OF THE CONTRACT ---



CALVIN'S INVESTMENTS SOON SPIRALLED INTO A FORTUNE! WITHIN SIX MONTHS HIS PROFITS HAD REACHED \$500,000!



AND THEN HE THOUGHT OF THE WIFE AND CHILD WHOM HE HAD ABANDONED ---



HE WENT TO THEM ---

CALVIN-- THAT CAR-- YOUR CLOTHES-- I-- DON'T UNDERSTAND-- WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN? WHY DIDN'T YOU COME BACK?

I'M BACK NOW, JUNE-- FOR GOOD-- AND I'VE GOT MORE MONEY THAN I'VE EVER DREAMED OF! I'M A SUCCESS-- A HUGE SUCCESS!



JUNE DORN COULD HARDLY BELIEVE HER EYES AND EARS, BUT THE FACTS WERE THERE-- HER HUSBAND HAD COME BACK TO HER AND HAD BROUGHT WITH HIM A FORTUNE!

OH, DARLING-- I WAS SO WORRIED ABOUT YOU-- SO WORRIED!

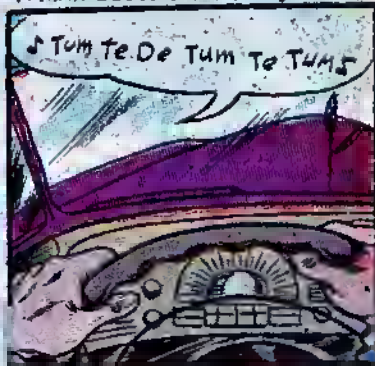
YOU'LL NEVER HAVE ANOTHER WORRY AS LONG AS YOU LIVE, JUNE!



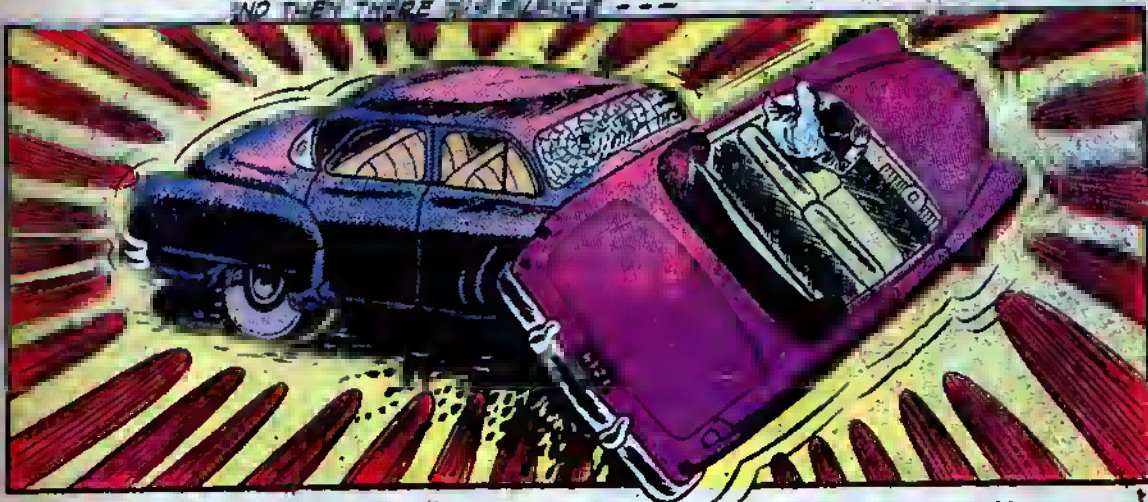
HERE-- HERE'S MONEY-- GO SHOPPING-- BUY YOURSELF A NEW WARDROBE-- GET A MINK COAT-- ANYTHING YOU WANT! AND GET TOYS FOR TIMMY-- LOTS OF TOYS! BY THE TIME YOU GET BACK I'LL HAVE A NEW HOME FOR US-- A BEAUTIFUL HOME! WAIT FOR ME!



SO CALVIN DROVE OFF TO SEE ABOUT GETTING A NEW HOUSE FOR HIS FAMILY! HIS HEART WAS OVERFLOWING WITH JOY AND HAPPINESS! HIS LIFE WAS COMPLETE NOW-- HE HAD HIS FAMILY, MONEY, EVERYTHING A MAN COULD DESIRE!



SUDDENLY, FROM OUT OF NOWHERE A CAR APPEARED --- THERE WAS A SCREECH OF TIRES AND THEN THE AIR WAS RENT BY THE SOUND OF TEARING METAL AND FLYING GLASS ---



JUNE AND TIMMY RETURNED FROM THEIR WONDERFUL SHOPPING SPREE ---

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND IT -- HE TOLD US TO WAIT FOR HIM ---



WHILE IN ANOTHER PART OF THE CITY AN OLD CLERK PLACED AN INDEX CARD INTO ITS PROPER PLACE IN THE FILES ---

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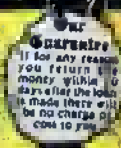
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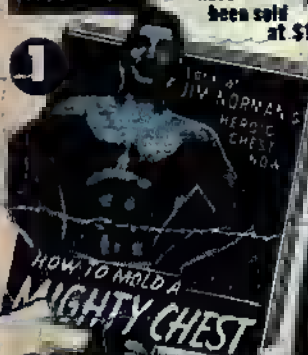
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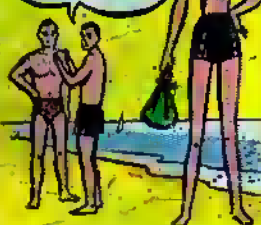
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